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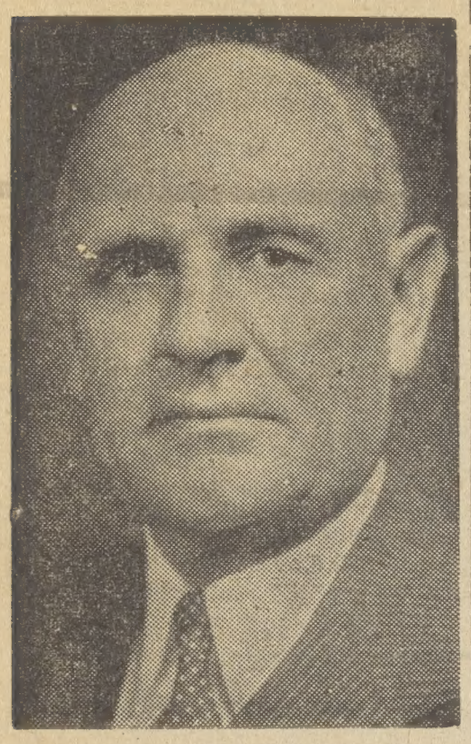

Stephen Richards

Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of Twelve called for a background of gospel living on the part of the saints to substantiate and validate the testimony of the Elders abroad that this Church is the truth of Heaven.

"We have the answers to the world's problems; we have the plans for peace. The only defense against the atomic bomb is not to come from science, but from the all-prevading Spirit of God settling down in the hearts of men to persuade them that we all are brothers. Sounds egotistical to say we have the answers the world needs, but it's true, and it will revolutionize the thinking of the world," he concluded, adding "It is the miracle of Mormonism."

John L. Herrick, for many years president of the Western States Mission ,told of the words of John Wesley, "When I was young I knew everything, or so I thought, but now that I am old I do not know anything except that God lives and that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world."

Elder Stephen L. Richards commented later, speaking of the life of the L.D.S. composer, Evan Stephens, "We never know how the contributions of a good life will continue and grow and bear fruit." He suggested that we all read the Key to Theology by Parley P. Pratt, and said, "There are many things that we do not understand, but we should not be mystified because we do not com-

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Second Annual Pacific Art

The second annual Pacific Art Exhibit will be held at the Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice street, Oakland, November 30 to December 6 inclusive. Sponsor of the show is the Liohoma Club, composed of L. S. D. business and professional men.

This year's exhibit will be even bigger and better, it is announced, than last year's initial Pacific Art Exhibit which in December 1946 drew thousands of art lovers and buyers.

Invitations have gone out to hundreds of local artists to register their desires to exhibit their paintings, and other appeals have been dispatched to Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. Last year the response to these invitations exceeded expectations, and many famous artists in Northern California and in Utah were represented.

It is being emphasized that all paintings will be for sale. Commissions earned from the paintings will be turned to a general fund for erection of a gymnasium and recreational center for our young people in this region

Especially are Church artists invited to exhibit wherever they may live.

An innovation this year will be an Amateur Division of the Exhibit for the express purpose of providing encouragement to our gifted young Latter-day Saints by showing their work. Since our musically and dramatically gifted youths are encouraged by being put before the public as much as possible, so at this Amateur Division of the Pacific Art Exhibit it is hoped to foster the painting and graphic arts among young people by displaying their productions, even though they may not feel equal to entry in the main Exhibit.

The committee in charge include William H. Evans, 4209 Balfour Ave., Oakland, Twinoaks 6820; John C. Stirrat, 840 York St., Oakland, correspondence; Herbert Van Noy, shipments; Don Allphin, display; Curt Bybee, publicity; and Eugene S. Hilton, accounting.

Berkeley Stake Nov. Conference

Elder Harold B. Lee is expected to attend the Berkeley Stake conference, November 15 and 16.

Eugene Hilton

Eugene Hilton, president of the Oakland Stake stressed six practical matters that concern the Saints of the Oakland Stake:

1. Read the Book of Mormon and the other scriptures. "I know of nothing that helps to keep the Spirit of Christ with us like reading the scriptures. Many inthe Stake have told me they have heeded this advice and are reading more faithfully these sacred books"

2. A memorial painting in honor of Louise Yates Robinson has been purchased by the Relief Society members of the Stake to hang eventually in the new Tabernacle, but temporally in the Elmhurst chapel.

3. The last two acres have been now purchased to complete the great 16-acre tract of the L. D. S. Temple on the foothills of East Oakland.

4. $60,000 have now been collected by Oakland Stake towards erection of the interstake Tabernacle, and Berkeley Stake is planning to do its share. Oakland ward has just completed its allotment of 13,500. More wards need to follow Oakland ward's good example.

5 A 20-acre welfare farm has recently been purchased by the Stake. It is located southeast of and near to Hayward.

6. In the near muture the Stake will have an A-cannery, largely automatic, capable of handling family and welfare canning of all fruits and vegetables.

There is need now for the best family we can get to live on the Stake farm. We also need donations of any building material, plumbing fixtures, pipes, tools, etc.

Help Available To Bishops, Relief Society Presidents

To meet a special need in welfare work, Presidents Harmon and Hilton have set up a conjoint Stake department where bishops and Relief Society Presidents can be advised regarding family problems that do not fit into the usual Church Welfare plan in this area. There may be a medical problem that a family is unable to take care of; a tonsilettomy or eye correction for a child is urgent but beyond the family budget. Every bishop says to himself sooner or later, "What can I do about this one?"

Sister Lenore C. Wood, Claremond Ward, has been called to help in both Oakland and Berkeley Stakes. She will give informa-

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Two-Stake Wheat May Be Ordered

Both Oakland and Berkeley stakes High Priests have taken as a joint quorum project the securing of wheat for a year or two needs. Begun in Berkeley stake and already successfully carried out in the first unit of the project, orders may be placed Nov. 14 to 24 with cash in advance with the H P. quorum in each ward. The minimum is one bag, and the bags are 125 pounds in size. Tight containers can also be secured and fumigants as needed. Details of price, etc., will be given out by the wards' group leaders upon request.

This is a Church Welfare Project, such as has been completed in many stakes during the last five years or more, and is recommended by the General Welfare authorities. No further orders for wheat will be placed until next harvest, it is explained.

Oak. Stake Chorister, Organist Group

The group pictured above represents the Choister group of the Oakland Stake. They are left to right, front row:

Sister Bassinger, stake Relief Society choister; Sister Emma Matheson, organist for Stake Centennial choir, and organist for Dimond Ward; Sister Carol Davidson, Organist, San Leandro ward, and Sister Donna Phelps Bates, Stake Organist.

Second row :

Sister Fern Alphin Everett, chorister Maxwell Park ward, Sister Leah Finch, Stake Primary chorister, and director of Maxwell Park Ward Choir; Sister Esthrella Kaleikau, chorister and choir director of Oakland Ward; Sister Estella McBride, chorister of Elmhurst Ward.

Third row:

Brother Howard Lund, Stake Sunday School Chorister; Sister Verna Jackson, chorister San Leandro Ward; Brother Wm. Henderschott, chorister Alameda Ward, and Brother Blaine Wilson, Stake Y. M. M. I. A. music director.

Fourth row:

Brother Darrell Manson, activity counsellor for Stake M. I. A. and director Chonsonette Chorus in Oakland Ward; Brother Rodney Pocock, State Music Director and chorister; Brother Oscar McCarthy, chorister of Dimond Ward and Brother Wm. B. Everett, Assistant Stake Chorister.

Absent from the group of choristers are Patsy Craig, Stake Y. L. M. I. A. music director, and Brother Harold Wiseman, chorister Hayward Ward. Also absent was Assistant Stake Organist Rollin Jensen.

A very well planned coordinated music program has been arranged representing all organizations, anticipating a successful and progressive participation of singers from primary age to adults. Events of outstanding musical standards are in the making and will be announced in their season.

Berkeley Stake Welfare Committee

First row, left to right: Wayne E. Mayhew, social service; W. Glenn Harmon, chairman of the committee; Emery R. Ranker, work director. Second row: Stake relief society presidency, Ila Mortenson; Louise Knight, president, and Vera H. Mayhew; third row: Denzel C. Allen, chairman bishop's executive committee, and Timothy Morley, Jr., secretary welfare committee. Several members were not present for the picture, including J. Lloyd Johnson, Asst. work director, and adult Aaronic priesthood chairman.

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Hayward ward's new $110,000 chapel is rapidly nearing completion, we learn, and will constitute one of the finest chapels in Northern California.

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In fact, it would just be a case of turn about if such help could be rendered, for the members of Hayward were active in volunteering labor on many of the other ward houses, including Berkeley, Richmond, Dimond and Elmhurst.

Mark as a MUST on your Personal Calendar a Visit to the Second Annual Pacific Art Exhibit and Sale at the Service Men's Home 1836 Alice Street, Oakland, Sunday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 6, 1947

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates
Berkeley—November 15-16.
Palo Alto—November 22-23.
Sacramento—December 6-7.

Oak. Stake News

● On Saturday, Nov. 15th, the Stake Relief Society, under the direction of President Hilda E. Perkins, will hold a food sale at the Sears Roebuck store in Oakland. The sale, arranged by Brother Luke Robinson, is for the benefit of the Stake Farm fund. Any ladies throughout the stake desiring to donate food may do so by contacting her ward president. Home cooked bakery foods are especially desirable.

The Relief Society is also sponsoring a series of dinners the first of which was recently held at Dimond ward. The price of the dinner is one dollar and the funds also go to the Stake Farm.

● The monthly Relief Society Stake board meeting is to be held the second Thursday of each month at eight o'clock in Dimond Ward.

● The M Men of Oakland Stake

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The repertoire of the Tabernacle choir now numbers 625 hymns and anthems. It is seldom that a selection is repeated within a year. An average of 36 new members are brought in each year. . . . All new singers apply voluntarily; none are asked to join. Today the choir has an enrolled membership of 375, with about 300 singing each Sunday. . . . Richard P. Condie is assistant director, and Stanley D. Rees, technician

It was estimated several years ago that twelve million tune in on the broadcasts each Sunday, and since then the music has been carried to millions of others in foreign lands.

In 1929, under the direction of Anthony C. Lund, a series of nation-wide broadcasts was inaugurated. These broadcasts were continued under Mr. Cornwall's direction, and proved so popular that they have continued for eighteen years—probably the longest continuously presented sustaining program in the history of American radio.

Here are some little known and interesting facts about the famous Tabernacle choir organization:

In 1856 Joseph Ridges came to Utah and brought with him from Australia an organ that he had built for his own use. This organ was installed in the Bowery on Temple Square, and later Ridges was commissioned to build a new organ for the Tabernacle. When installed in 1867 it was the largest organ in America. . . . July 4, 1873 the first Tabernacle Choir concert was presented at 4 p. m., because the Tabernacle had no lights.

In 1889 Evan Stephens became choir director, the choir was enlarged to 300 voices, and an era of concerts and trips begun which have brought international fame.

Oakland Ward

"It's a boy," are the words being shouted by Isabell and Louis Johnson who became the proud parents of Louis Aaron on September 29.

Oakland ward sent three missionaries into the field during the month of October. The first was Sister Beatrice Uffins who went to the Netherlands Mission to join her husband, where they will labor together. Sister Uffins is the first sister Oakland ward has sent to the missionary field. We will all be looking forward to hearing of her progress and experiences. The second was Elder E. Dean Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ogden, who has been sent to labor in the Uruguay Mission. This mission was recently opened. Dean had served with the U. S. armed forces in Germany and France. He has a brother, Ruhlon, laboring in the Argentines and hopes someday to meet him. The third is Elder Robert T. Nelson who is journeying to the Uruguay Mission also. Bob has many friends who are eager to hear from him. Oakland ward now has ten missionaries working in their respective fields.

Sister Sarah Maxwell, a faithful member of our ward, passed away Friday, October 24. Oakland ward members will surely remember Sarah's sweet and jovial manner she had for one and all.

Bishop Vinal Maus was honored at a surprise birthda yparty on October 18 given by his wife, Sister Ethel Maus. The honoree and guests enjoyed a refreshing swim at the Athens club and a dinner at the Mauss home, where the delightful day was brought to a close.

Thomas Pine, finance committee chairman of the Stake Tabernacle fund, proudly announced that Oakland ward has fulfilled their quota for the fund drive at a party held October 24, at Oakland ward.

Our Fireside group, on October 19, spent an enjoyable evening making recordings to send to the missionaries. The recording device was furnished by Darrell Monson, who was in charge of the program.

The November gast meetings in the wards of this stake were dedicated to the benefit of the new Stake Farm; the fast meetings for December will also be dedicated. This plan has the approval of the general authorities.

The Oakland shopping news for Friday, November 6 showed the photographs of two of our Oakland stake members, Bp. Glenn Shaw of Elmhurst ward, and Rollin Jensen, sifted pianist of Alameda ward.

of clothing for Europe.

E. Richmond Adult Aaronic group completed a ¾ acre tomato project. . . . The pear project produced 59 cases of canned pears, harvested by Walnut Creek and canned by Claremont, Berkeley and both Richmond wards. . . . Napa ward owns 4-acre prune orchard, producing five tons dried prunes, of which 1690 lbs. went to welfare budget, the others being sold for welfare credit after expenses. . . . Napa also grew vegetables on another 4 acres and their ward H P. group produced 150 pounds of chickens for welfare use. . . . Walnut Creek earn-

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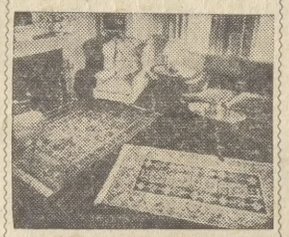

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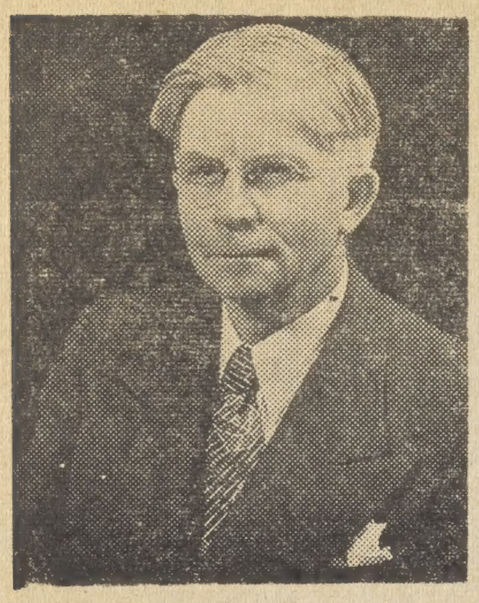

J. S. Cornwall

J. Spencer Cornwall, director of the nationally-known Tabernacle choir, has led the choir to continued success, following his famous predecessors. Mr. Cornwall began as a high school teacher of music at Granite high school near his old home in Salt Lake county, and later organized the Swanee Singers ,a voluntary male chorus that made itself famous for many years in Salt Lake City. He was thus a logical choice as leader of the Tabernacle at the passing of Anthony C. Lund. He leads tthe choir in learning one new number on the average each week, a plan which adds freshness that is intriguing both to the singers and to the audience. One of the charming characteristics of Mr. Cornwall is the simplicity of his nature; he is frank and retiring though friendly to one and all.

Claremont Ward Bazaar and Country Store

If you want some fun, and also wish to stock up on some extra fine aprons ,quilts and such things, and if you also like to spike the date of December 6 in the Berkeley ward amusement hall.

On that December Saturday day night will be held the Claremont Relief Society bazaar and country store. Being near Christmas season you will naturally want to pick up gifts to lay away.

Sister Meine puts it in this form:

The place will be Berkeley ward amusement hall;
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HAVE YOU HEARD

Eight new radio stations on the intermountain west broadcast the last Octoner General conference to the largest listening audience in the history of L. D. S. conferences.

Pres. J. Byron Barton of the S. F. stake, and Pres. W. Glenn Harmon of the Berkeley stake have been named vice-chairmen of the Northern Cailfornia Regional Welfare Region, to function with W. Aird MacDonald, chairman.

Harold B. Lee, apostle and managing director of the General Welfare Committee, attended a regional welfare meeting Nov. 10 at Stockton, 7:30 p. m.

S. F. stake poured concrete for their new Welfare Center at Washington Street and Juniper Serra Blvd., recently, and on November first a group of approximately fifty members put the building up to the square in the one day. Besides the latest automatic cannery, the building will house a cabinet shop. It is proposed that one of the woodworking projects may be that of casket-building to supply much of the needs of the Church Welfare program for caskets, tho eventually there is projected two other centers for this project.

Dan Bodily of San Leandro ward is engaged in the building of homes, both on speculation by himself and on contract for others. Recently he constructed twenty for one land division company. The Dan Bodily company also manufactures and handles lumber.

Wendell Martin has sold his Chromite and linoleum store at 6633 Fooothill Boulevard to his brother John R. Martin who will carry on at the same address. Wendell will devote his entire time wholesaling Chromite in the Pacific Coast and other Western states, setting up agencies in all this territory. Success to both men.

The Berkeley ward Primary room is enjoying their renewed rug which was done for them by the Marchant Rug company. The main lobby of the chapel has a new rug, and the Primary has the benefit of a fine floor covering as a result.

Ione, California is proud of the new L. D. S. chapel erected recently and dedicated August 22 with Apostle John A. Widtsoe and wife representing the Genearl Authorities. Pres. German E. Ellsworth of the Northern States Mission was in charge of the exercises. James M. Thomas is president of the active group of saints in Ione.

Alex. Schreiner

Alexander Schreiner, organist of the Tabernacle choir, is well known in the East Bay region for the many visits he has made here, on tour, and at the time of the dedication of the Berkeley ward chapel organ. His tours have become classic among the music lovers of the nation as have his presentations on the Tabernacle choir broadcasts. Perhaps there is no American organist better known than Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist.

Berkeley Ward

STORKLINES:

Mr and Mrs. Leslie Dean Price, born Sept. 6, 1947, name Craig Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wright: 5 lb. 7 ozs., girl.

Born: Oct. 21, 1947. Name Karen Johnson.

M. I. A.: Come one! Come all! Berkeley Ward will have their Harvest Ball in the amusement hall, November 14, 1947, at 8 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Come out and get into the roll of things at M. I. A. each Tuesday night at 7:30. There is a grand staff of teachers. Everyone can tell you how much you're missing if you don't come out.

The Bee Hive Girls and Boy Scouts went swimming at the Richmond natatorium Tuesday, November 4.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Then come out to choir practice each Sunday evening at 5:30. Anyone can sing under the able direction of G. William Richards.

The High Priests held a most successful dinner party Thursday, Oct. 23, 1947, after which they were favored by a program presented by the Chansonette Choir of Oakland Ward, who rendered many lovely numbers. They also favored by a violin selection, and piano solo, and three special trio numbers.

Are you now in our ward? Is your husband busy going to school? All young married girls are asked to become members of our young married girls' group, better known as the "Sew N Sews". Our purpose is to have arts and crafts presented to us and to become better acquainted with each other. They meet the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at which time they bring food and clothing to be packed and sent to our needy members of the church in Europe. If interested please contact the Messenger reporter of Berkeley Ward.

Did you know that young Mormon boys and girls are really giving us a fine record of leadership this year? David P. Gardner is president of Associated Students of Garland Junior High; Olive Anson is president of Girls' Association of El Cerrito High School. Tommy Stone is president of Associated Student Body of Piedmont Jr. High School. Dave Woods is president of Berkeley High student body. Don Lange is president of A. S. U. C.

Claremont Ward

Joe Wood recently returned from Monticello, Utah where he enjoyed deer hunting with his three brothers, four uncles and two cousins. They only bagged nine deer. Many relatives and friends were visited while Joe was in his home town.

Ernest Ahlborn spent a week in Utah recently hunting deer. He reports a pleasant trip plus one deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Haymond returned from a business and pleasure trip to the northwest both looking very happy after an enjoyable trip.

Daryl Dangerfield, that man with the personality, just returned from Salt Lake City where he spent a few days visiting his favorite girl friend.

Elizabeth Burdett returned recently after visiting her daughter in Ogden and spending a few days with Helen Burdett before her departure for the East Central Mission.

If you are looking for a place to spend Tuesday evening drop in the Claremont MIA. If you are an adult visit the special interest class and listen to Mrs. Cardwell, who handles the lesson beautifully. If you are one of the younger set visit the class of your age and you will be highly entertained. The new officers and teachers in this organization are doing a wonderful work. See our young people in action.

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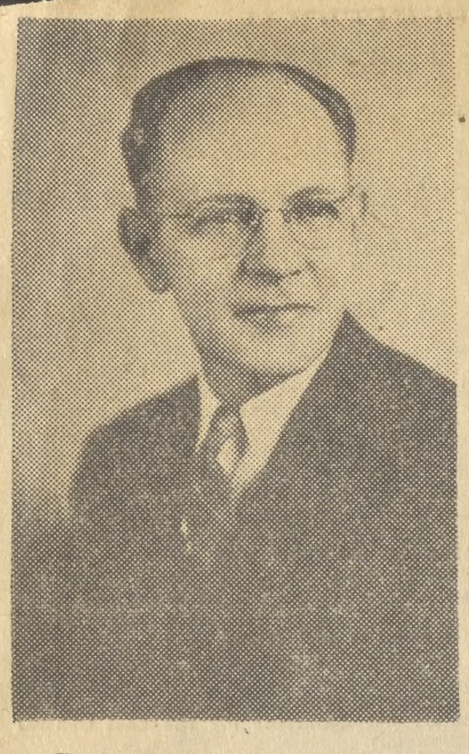

By RODNEY W. POCOCH

This all important organization should be recognized foremost as a necessary part of any ward and should be the highest unit of musical endeavor.

Our Bishoprics are thrilled when choirs participate in sacrament meetings not only because of the added contribution of music itself but because the backing and support of the choir group towards the spiritual growth of the entire ward in all its efforts.

We have in this Stake a world of exceptional talent but too great a percentage does not participate perhaps because our problem is one of organization. Let's organize a ward choir — first should we select with great care from among our number a leader, who, as Brother Cornwall states, "must be an outstanding person in a great many ways"; next we select an organist who is efficient and dependable, then the singers, starting if necessary with a mixed quartet, then a double mixed quartet and from that number select officers; a manager, a librarian, a secretary and a treasurer. Then all members should act as scouts for new talent and submit new names to the manager from time to time. When found to qualify they should be officially called by the Bishop to the choir.

By the above method the writer developed a choir from fourteen members to one hundred and three in a period of one year. This was in a ward having a population of around eleven hundred people. Incidentally, the attendance at Sacrament meetings more than doubled in this period.

After a fair number have joined the choir, committees of all types should be selected by the group for choir entertainments, social functions, correlation with other organizations, care of music, etc.

There are many ways of expression in our church—some may speak—some may paint beautiful pictures—others sing.

Let us give a channel for all these expressions of reverence and praise.

At The Conference Of Oakland Stake

"Life is short and insecure, but is death the end of it all? The Latter-day Saints have the correct understanding revealed to them. Read the 40th chapter of Alma and learn what an angel told Alma of the state of the dead before the ressurection," said Pres. Angus H. Norberg of the stake presidency.

"The responsibility of the leaders in the stake is to teach the Gospel, and to help members obtain a testimony showing them the means by which is is provided that this may be done," declared Donald C. Bennion of the stake high council.

"We should do something about this great Gospel that we have received. We are commanded to seek out the lost sheep—the large percent who are not coming to sacrament meetings. Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, is will rise with us in the resurrection' says the 13 section of the Doctrine and Covenants. Are we satisfied with just anything or do we want the best obtainable?" asked Charles I. Gustaveson of the stake high council.

"Procrastination is our worst enemy," declared Bishop Glenn C. Shaw of Elmhurst ward, "and the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Seek ye first, not last, the kingdom of God. President Smith once said, 'It isn't what we see or what we hear, but what we feel that is important!"

In the above picture are shown Louise Knight, Relief Society stake president, flanked, left to right, by Ila Mortenson, second counsellor and Vera Mahew, first counsellor. In the second row stand three ward Relief Society presidents, left to right, Maud Sorenson, Vallejo; May Bates, Richmond, and Mildred Gibbs, Pittsburg. We regret that other wards were not present when this photo was taken at the fourth Sunday Leadership meeting, October 26.

Vera H. Mayhew, speaking of typical activities of the Society work of both Oakland and Berkeley stakes commented:

"A wise man has said, 'He who educates a boy educates a man but he who educates a girl educates a family.' This thought was in the mind of the Prophet Joseph Smith when, in 1842, he organized the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo; and that thought has never been lost from sight since then.

"If you were to visit any Relief Society in the Oakland or Berkeley stakes in the next month you would find that, like all Relief Societies everywhere in the Church, the women were educating their minds, their hands and their hearts. If you happened in on the first meeting of the month you would find a visiting teachers' meeting in progress, and would see the Relief Society visiting teachers, and would hear them say that they had visited a large percentage of the families in their district, had found the members well and happy and had left the 'teacher's message.'

"When this meeting ends the regular Theology meeting for the month convenes. You would hear a lesson on the Life of Christ, taken from the book, "Jesus the Christ" by James E. Talmage, and a few minutes would be spent in testimony bearing. This is one of the high lights of the month because here the women of the Church are permitted to voice their appreciation of the Gospel plan to their sisters. Many who are too timid to speak in regular fast day meetings enjoy this opportunity for spiritual growth.

"If you attend the second meeting of the month you would find the group busy with their hands, taking a dressmaking class or learning skills in craft, or sewing on the welfare plan.

"The third meeting finds the group interested in a lesson that promotes a high standard of cultural values among the people of our Church. This year the Literary class is studying the 'Literature of the Doctrines and Covenants." The lessons were written by Dr. Wayne Driggs and are becoming very popular.

"The fourth meeting visitor would hear a discussion on some problem that has to do with social development. This winter the lessons concern themselves with rearing a family for good citizenship and are most interesting.

"Fine music is fostered by the Relief Society, instrumental or vocal. You may be so fortunate as to visit on a day when the Singing Mothers are doing their part. Any day you go you will hear excellent music participated in by the members of the group.

"In visiting four typical meetings of the Relief Society you could see only a part of the whole plan.

"If you question the Relief Society president, she will tell you that the visiting teachers are the representatives of the bishop in homes of the ward, tactful, loving women who seek out the hurt and bewildered and do something about their problems. Those who are doing well are commended, those who need help will be visited by the Relief Society president who will take their problems to the ward bishop and help will come to them through the welfare plan. The visiting teachers you will say are the heart of the ward."

If you are an average person a study of Relief Society work will leave a feeling of awe and a sense of sureness in your heart that Joseph Smith was indeed divinely guided to organize the women of the Church for compassionate service and intellectual service and spiritual growth.

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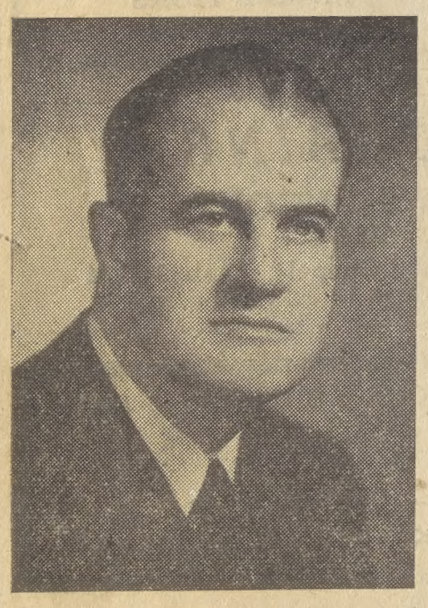

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Berkeley Stake News

George Lemmon of the Pittsburg ward bishopric is now a "prof" at the U. of U. we learn from the Pittsburg "Courier." He and his wife, Colleen, are greatly missed. Kenneth M. Lewis now enters the ward bishopric, an eminently worthy choice.

Berkeley stake presidency and high councilors have just about completed their series of ward meetings featuring the new stake building program. Attendance and enthusiasm have been excellent, and it is felt that the rather novel plan for financing stake and ward building in Berkeley stake is on its way to success.

Pittsburg is trying out a plan of having a committee of arrangement of sacrament services with one member of the bishopric in charge each month. More effective meetings are the goal. The ward mimeographs and distributes a monthly, lively, newsy Courier.

Oakland ward's charming gleaner-age girls' Chansonette choir, under the inspiring leadership of Darrell J. Monson, rendered a superbly artistic and pleasing program at the Berkeley stake high priests' annual banquet and ladies' night, October 23. Eloise Ogden rendered an enchanting piano solo and Donna Wall, accompanied by Pearl Bliss, played beautifully Kreisler's La Gitama. A trio, Estherella Kaleikau, Donna Wall and Roberta Ewald, won long applause with two spicy numbers, "Chit Chat" and "The Brown Bear." William Banks presided at the musicale and A. D. Erickson cleverly carried out the part of toastmaster at the banquet. Pres. Heber M. Ellsworth guided the evening's events.

Plans are under way to reopen the Intercity Cooperative at a depot yet to be determined, we are informed. A suitable person as manager and also a site for the handling of the case lot goods is being sought, we learn from Lloyd Johnson of the board of directors.

The first quorum of elders (Berkeley ward) has embarked on a project of buying cooperatively some staple groceries at wholesale plus a one per cent markup for expenses. It has been very popular in the quorum in securing foods towards the reccommended year's supply on hand by each family in the Church.

The S. F. News and S. F. Call Bulletin commended in highly complimentary words the artistic organ music rendered by our G. William Richards of Berkeley ward at the great program by the City of San Francisco on the return of the first consignment of soldier-dead from over-seas burial in their native soil. Bro. Richards is a master organist, now doing graduate work in music at the U. C.

October 13, Berkeley stake officers and bishoprics and their wives celebrated the first anniversary of the birth of Berkeley stake. The gala affair was held in the Berkeley chapel.

Above are shown Oakland Stake Relief Society presidents. Left to right, row one: Adella Swenson, Dimond ward and Rose Snyder, San Leandro ward; row two: Lucile Schow, Alameda ward, and Adrian Gee, Hayward ward; row three: Beatrice S. Larsen, Maxwell Park ward, and LaVerne Pennock, Oakland ward.

Lester F. Hewett

Lester F. Hewlett, of Hewlett Bros. Co., large manufacturers in Salt Lake City, has devoted many years to president of the Tabernacle choir ,taking care of the many managerial details of such a large organization. His many week-to-week duties are enhanced greatly at the time of social outings which the choir enjoys, but of which the public hears little, and especially on the occasion of the choir's journeys away from home on tour. One such was the appearance of the great organization at the San Bernardino celebration of Covered Wagon Days. The Tabernacle choir could not function as it does in its musical successes were there not behind the scenes an efficient president and office staff of secretary, editorial staff and various officers and committees.

From Chickens To Honey

Quorum projects in Oakland stake have run from chickens and carrots to beets and honey, and a lot in between. For instance, the Seventy quorum om Oakland ward have produced the 30 pounds of honey assessed the ward budget, while the high priests of Hayward have carried out a chicken project for eggs and fryers, using some deep freezing also.

Three quorums have had garden projects this year. San Leandro on their project raised for ward current welfare needs corn, beans, tomatoes, and other things, while Oakland elders have a project of carrots and beets ready for harvest from which they expect to realize from $150 to $200. Besides this they have planted garden crops for next spring's harvest.

The H. P. group in Dimond ward utilized the Welfare Center garden .As the beans and corn matured the bishops of the stake were notified, and each was supplied with all he could use for his welfare needs. The surplus was sold for enough to pay for the plowing and planting. The tomato crop given to bishops amounted to 59 lugs; 125 cans of tomato juice were also processed.

Napa Ward News

September 7th saw the birth of the Napa Ward Bulletin, published weekly. The Bulletin features editorials by each organization by turn, a timely poem, and announcements of all activities in the ward. We sincerely hope this paper will do much missionary work. Staff, Marie Nightwine, Peggy Wilson, Max Reed, L. Nightwine, A. Bruerton.

A joint recital was given by Mary Ann Murdock, Mezzo Soprano and Florraina Price, Soprano, accompanied by Marie Nightwine on September 19. This recital was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience. Mary Ann Murdock has again gone to the B. Y. U. for the school year.

The Primary opening social, September 11 was a swimming and picnic party at nearby Conn dam. Other successful opening socials were the Mutual's semi-formal dance, September 16 and the Relief Society's basket lunch and dance, September 24.

General conference in Salt Lake claimed many of the Napa Ward families including the Murdocks, Kellers, Olives, Taysoms, Plowmans and Woolleys.

A finance committee was chosen and set apart October 19 consisting of Allan Woolley, chairman and the following members: John L. Murdock, Henry L. Peterson, T. E. Olive, Fred M. Reeder, Clifton Hall, Frank Gunderstrup, Richard W. Hart, Delmar Fowles, Raymond Lewis, Charles M. Price, Harold Constable, LeRoy Stubbs, Wilfred Whaley, Alford Johnson, Stanford Memmott, E. Wheeler, Jay Wilson, and Walter Tucker.

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Deep in my heart there is always a wish to do something to build up the Church, even if it is a small part. I am very thankful to God to let me do so with my singing.

When I stand in front of our people there is a little prayer that I may comfort and bring them closer to God, and let them see the sunny side of our lives; what ever might be needed at that moment. I hope, also, that I may accomplish, sometimes and somewhere, with God's help, what is in my heart.

Spirit of Welfare Center Speaks

Sept. 2nd—Wonder what's "cookin'" this month. Guess I'll soon learn . . . .

"Van Noy Hardware? Mrs. McBride calling. Save me four pounds of glue, that granulated stuff to set up those heavy cartons. . . . No, tomorrow. We're labeling pears Thursday night and we want to case them at the same time."

Sept. 3rd—Whew! That smelly stuff that Brother McBride's stirring—Yes, glue dissolving and box making.

Sept. 4th and 5th—After school in the evening deacons, priests and teachers from Elmhurst, Dimond, Oakland, Maxwell Park, and San Leandro wards were labeling and casing pears, also a few Junior and Gleaner girls. Their youth, mirth, sincerity and energy thrilled me and my walls almost burst with thanksgiving that the young people, too, are coming to know me, the Spirit of Welfare.

How many cans? The count, I hear, is almost 141 cases or 3,384 cans.

Sept. 6th—Twelve fine young men from the Berkeley Stake were here labeling and casing their pears today. They also helped clean the yard, cut the hedge and hoe weeds.

Sept. 8th to 18th—Mrs. McBride has sorted boxes of used clothes and shoes every day. Several more boxes came in Wednesday, the 10th. She has sacks full of rags, four boxes to be mended, one to be cleaned, two that must be washed and three ready for stock.

Sept. 22nd—Brother and Sister Swenson, the L. M. Robinsons, the Phelps, the Jorgensons and the Jacksons, representing the Dimond Ward high priests are canning tomato juice from tomatoes which that group raised here, besides some 30 or 40 lugs they gave to the needy in their ward. Thank you Dimond high priests.

Sept. 26th—The 120 large cartons of used clothing and bedding really left for the San Francisco pier today, and with them out of the way, I'm due for a good cleaning!

Sept. 27th—I was right, Brother McBride certainly gave me a "going over," moving, sweeping and restocking my shelves in the Bp. store room.

Sept. 29th—More women, Relief Society sisters, just came in a car. What have they? More boxes of used clothing°. Oh! But they look different! They've left now and Sister McBride is putting them away; all clean, mended and folded nicely. One for rags in boxes for themselves with their buttons and zippers off, all ready for the rag market. That's the spirit of welfare. Sacrifice and service—Nothing too good for my store. That makes me happy.

Note: Thanks goes to Estella McBride, Oakland Welfare Center matron, for this lively report, so interestingly written.)

Two Missionaries From Uruguay

Robert N. Nelson

Oakland ward has the distinction of sending in the month of October two of its fine young men into the new Uruguay mission Elders E. Dene Ogden, and Robert N. Nelson.

Dene is the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Ogden, while Robert is the son of Sister Shu-de-Li Taylor of Piedmont. Dene is a graduate of the Officers Training School, and served a year with the Army of Occupation in Germany. His brother, Rulon, has been laboring

E. Dene Ogden

in the Argentine mission nearly a year. Robert was on the swimming team at Piedmont High from whence he went to the B. Y. U. for the yar 1946-47. At the B. Y. U. "Bob" was a member of the Freshman football team.

Both these young men have been active and helpful in the quorums of the priesthood, and in the organizations of the ward. We wish for them the many blessings of heaven, and peace for their devoted parents at home.

"Mormon Miracle"

Before a crowd from both stakes that taxed the capacity of the Garfield Junior H. S. auditorium in Berkeley, Sister Grace Johnson November 1 gave her most impressive dramatic reading of the story and message of Mormonism. A silent testimonial to the power of her reading is the fact that the audience remained utterly still without even the customary coughing during the entire hour. She dealt with the divine yet touching human story of the building of the latter-day work, the appearance of the heavenly beings to the prophet, and the persecutions and sufferings of the saints, in marvelously artistic yet sincere and inspiring manner.

Arriving fatigued from an appearance in Sacramento, just an hour before her scheduled appearance here, she was enabled through the faith of herself and the audience to perform in grand style, and to greet her many old friends after the performance.

Spending the night at the Leamington Hotel she was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Thompson of Oakland ward Sunday, while Mrs. Emery R. Ranker entertained her Monday at her Orinda home. On Monday night she repeated the reading for the West Bay stakes.

Richmond Ward

Bishop Wallace Wightman has chosen as his second counsellor, Peter Gengler who has a long record of service in the church, particularly in the Mutual. Born in Kaysville, Utah in 1893, Elder Gengler has resided in Richmond since 1911. During the years he has been continually in office, serving as S. S. Superintendent, president of M. I. A., dance manager, and counsellor in the Mutual. All wish him success and blessings in his new office.

Friday, October 24 was the date of a lovely moonlight party given by the Adult Aaronic Priesthood group.

The ward Boy Scout troop attended the Richmond District Camporee at Camp Herms October 25 and 26. They secured their proficiency award.

The Special Interest Group of Mutual was entertained recently by a lecture on the early history of Contra Costa County, and the division of Rancho San Pablo. The talk was presented by Mrs. Williams of the Richmond Independent.

October 31 produced many a spook and goblin at the Mutual's giant costume Hallowe'en party. . . . The Relief Society presented an excellent program November 2 at their annual conference.

Avis Gengler is the composer of words on the Mutual theme, "Keep His Commandments" to be sung to the tune of "The Lord is My Shepherd". The song was rendered beautifully by a quartette the opening night of the M. I. A. season. Congratulations Avis.

"And the people asked him (John) saying, What shall we do then?

"He answered and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart it to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

Liahona Club News

Those attending the October 27 dinner meeting of the Liahona club enjoyed a vivid word picture of what one man recently did in 48 hours by way of visiting Great Britain and the nations of continental Europe and coming home at the end of the time with a first-hand understanding of the plight and problems of that part of the world.

This was all made possible by means of air travel now available for the average citizen, and stands as a concrete illustration of the smallness of the world due to the speed of the airplane. Such was the message of E. C. Michle of Western Air Lines. At the conclusion of his remarks many pertinent questions regarding air travel were asked, one question being why Oakland had only one of the two stops daily, while all flights began and ended in San Francisco. The answer to that one was that four or five times as many air passengers originate in San Francisco as in Oakland. Heber Brown introduced the speaker.

Announcement was made by President Wm. Evans that the second annual art exhibit and sale, sponsored by the Liahona club, will be held at the Service Men's home from Sunday, November 30, to Saturday, December 6. The committee assignments consist of John Stirrat, correspondence; Herb Van Noy, shipments; Don Allphin, display; Curt Bybee, publicity; while financial accounts will be checked by Eugene S. Hilton. A special amateur section with special recognition awards for the young people, Latter-day Saints, especially, of the bay stakes was approved.

A cash donation to the Community Chest was voted. Three young LDS men, two being GI's, presented plans for the building of a radio station to function here somewhat as KSL does for our people in Salt Lake City. After explanations, discussions and suggestions, all on the favorable side, the matter was referred to the GI committee of the club for study and report at the November meeting.

A December social was voted for the club and wives; it was announced that nominations for next year's officers will be made at the November meeting.

Vallejo Gets New Bishopric

Sunday, October 19, 1947, Vallejo was presented with a new bishopric, a change made necessary by the removal of Bishop Taylor to Gridley where the Taylors have a home and formerly resided.

Standing in ascending order in the picture are Bishop Jack E. Johnson, Reed Nielsen, first counsellor, and Otto L. Matthews, second counsellor.

Bishop Johnson made the following remarks at the time of his appointment by the stake presidency at the Vallejo ward sacrament meeting, October 19:

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Save newspapers—they can be sold for cash to be used to finance the ward welfare program. Deliver them to church, ward teacher or contact the bishop.

We want to congratulate the Primary and Mutual for their very successful Halloween parties Wednesday and Thursday nights. Both were well attended. The Junior Girls aand Senior Scouts from MIA presented a Halloween play both evenings. A very good job well done. Credit goes to Sister Peterson who directed.

The older members of the Relief Society met Saturday, November 8, at Sister Swenson's house to celebrate Sister Clara Samuel's 84th birthday.

Remember, sisters, the 70's and wives' quorum meeting and social set for Saturday, November 15, at 8:00 p.m. at Dimond ward. A special speaker on interior decorations will speak to the ladies.

The elders' quorum is completing the project of building a fence and cleaning up the property in back of the church. They have done a fine job and expect to garden the yard this coming season.

Elders and their wives enjoyed a program and dance Friday evening, November 7.

Thad Van Noy who is in the photography division of the air corps has been recently transferred to Spokane, Wash.

Jan Hall has joined the Marine Corps.

Lee Ashby should be congratulated. She just passed the Arizona State Board exam for dental hygienist.

We want to congratulate Norma and Karl Eriksson who have a new baby girl, Bonnie Lee. This is their fourth daughter.

Sr. Price is attempting to collect white clothing in a clothes bank for baptisms. She has some but would appreciate donations of clothing in other sizes. Call Ke. 3-7801, please.

We invite and urge everyone to attend sacrament meeting.

Alameda Ward

The Alameda Ward Relief Society schedule for November should be carefully noted since there is a change of meeting place each week and also of the time. November 12 the work meeting will be held at the Francis Winkel home, 2040 San Antonio Ave., at 10 a. m.

November 19 at 1:30 p. m. in Adelphian Hall, Central and Walnut, the Literature lesson will be given, while on November 26 at 1:30 p. m. in the Winkel home the Social Service lesson is programmed.

On October 26 the M. I. A. gave a most delightful Hallowe'en party for the ward at the Adelphian Hall. The young folks were entertained October 30 at a Hallowe'en Party at the home of Bishop Thys Winkel.

Mary Dunn has been appointed to the stake Primary board in charge of the "Lark" work.

E. Richmond Ward

A pleasant party recently was given at the home of the Leonard Aikens for William R. Fuller and his wife, the former Elise Pieklesimer who were married last month in the St. George temple. Mrs. Fuller was raised in St. George, and the new copule have now purchased a home in that temple city where they plan to move in a short time to live, devoting themselves to temple work. Everyone wishes them great joy.

Seven babies were blessed in the last Fast Meeting.

The Singing Mothers of East Richmond opened their season's work with a big party October 30. Sister Beraz extends an invitation to the ladies of the ward to come out and join the group.

Sister Grace Hopkins celebrated her birthday November 3 at her home with a family gathering which included six sons and daughters, three grandchildren. One son-in-law, David Yancy was also in attendance; another son-in-law, Bert Levitt, is in Utah at school.

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held their annual election on Sunday, October 12, resulting as follows: Glen Marchant of Maxwell Park, president; Ira (Bud) Call of Dimond vice-president; Bob Bundy, Oakland, secretary-treasurer; Bill Rice, athletic director; Al Richards, publicity. The outgoing officers included Garry Christensen, Jack Bigler, Howard Thomas and Ray Chugg.

● Members of the East Bay area were delighted with the presentation of the "Mormon Miracle," by Grace Johnson on Saturday evening, November 1. The dramatic reading which was held at the Garfield Junior High school in Berkeley, was supplemented by a chorus of sixty voices under the direction of Rodney Pocock.

● Sister Johnson is being sponsored by church authorities and is appearing in Stakes and districts throughout the Crurch. Service clubs and Church groups before whom she has appeared have acclaimed hed an outstanding artist in this field. She is the auth- of the book, "

M MEN AND GLEANER ANNIVERSARY BALL

The Silver Anniversary Ball October 17, was acclaimed by all in attendance one of the most beautiful and delightful parties ever given in Oakland Stake.

Special placques depicting the origin of the organizations, and two elegantly decorated cakes (one for each organization), signified the 25th anniversary.

Bids, decorations, floral arrangements, and refreshments all carried out the anniversary colors of silver and white. The Bud Stone orchestra delighted the group of approximately two hundred young people.

The grand finale of the evening came as Delbert Wright of the Stake Presidency and Evaletta Thompson president of the Y.M. M.I.A., with their partners, led the grand march which was followed by the cutting and serving of the birthday cakes and refreshments.

The committee in charge of the party, under the supervision of Pearl Hatfield, Gleaner Activity Leader, consisted of officers of the two organizations headed by Garry Christensen and Roberta Ewald.

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HIGH PRIEST DINNER

The High Priests' Quorum of Oakland Stake held its annual dinner at Elmhurst Ward, November 6. The clever program was arranged by a committee with Verna Jackson as chairman.

Viola Stam of Alameda did an imitation of Al Jolson; Senior Scouts of Elmhurst presented an act from the Variety show recently presented; a song by Rex and Mary Bolles of Hayward; and a reading by Dadene Grow of Oakland Ward. The finale was a novelty "thank you" number which delighted the large attendance of High Priests and their wives.

Mrs. Elsie Willis and Mrs. Anne Livingston have been released as ward missionaries after having served in that capacity for the past two years. The two women have given unstintingly of their time in conducting cottage meetings and contact work.

Mrs. Adrian Gee, Relief Society president, left Monday, November 3, to join her husband who is at present traveling for the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company. She directed the Relief Society Conference program on Sunday evening before leaving the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers have left for Idaho where they will go through the Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mallory will meet them there and accompany them. The Mallorys, parents of Mrs. Rogers, went to Idaho in September. The two families will return to California together.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Graham were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of their one-year-old daughter on September 27. The child had been ill but 24 hours.

Several weeks ago the bishop gave the high priests a welfare assignment. Raising chickens for storage and egg production and keeping bees was to be their work. To date the high priests have 40 chickens in a frozen food locker; one hive of bees and last week three dozen pullets just starting to lay produced 13 eggs. Clifford Johnston is supervising the project.

The dinner was prepared and served by people of Elmhurst, and Bishop Glen Shaw was master of ceremonies.

● Tom Ferguson, superintendent of the Oakland Stake Y. M. MI.A., has chosen Leland Wright as Manual Counselor and Derral Monson as Activity Counselor. They were sustained at the last conference.

● The Debonair Dancing club of the Bay area held its initial dance in the Florentine Room of the Claremont hotel recently to the strains of the Arthur Peterson orchestra. Eighty-seven couples, coming from all four bay area stakes, enjoyed the social treat. The season's dance schedule has been completed, we understand, and committments by the members already made so that both the dates and the attendance is assured in advance.

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Vallejo Ward News

rs. E. Z. Taylor was rsponsible for the cleverly arranged opening Relief Society social on October 7. A huge picture of Winkem, Blinkem and Nod, made by Mrs. Taylor was the unusual background for the program, the main feature being a baby show, in which all young mothers, in turn, stood in an arch and introduced their children. A gift was presented to each child. Honors were showered upon the outgoing officers, Mrs. Ruth Cheshire and Estelle Kelly. Mrs. Taylor was honored too, as she has left Vallejo. Officers for the coming year were introduced and invitations extended to all ladies to attend.

The Vallejo Seventies entertained the 339th Quorum of Seventies and their partners at a "back to school days" party. Guests arrived in school attire and enjoyed a program, games and a buffet supper.

Mr. Miles Johnson, a former resident, spent a few days renewing old acquaintances in Vallejo recently.

The people of Vallejo deeply regret the departure of Bishop and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor to Gridley where they have gone to reside. We extend our best wishes to them and our appreciation for the many marks of assistance they have contributed here.

Mr. Marvin Hunter has been assigned to fill a stake mission.

A large crowd greeted the Stake Presidency when they came to Vallejo to release Bishop E. Z. Taylor, Counselor Wallace Weirman and Ward Clark Robert Allison. The new Bishopric sustained include Jack R. Johnson, bishop, Reed Nelson, second counselor and Otto Mathews remained as first counselor. Wallace Weierman was sustained as ward clerk. Words of high esteem and appreciation were given of the outgoing bishopric. We wish the new members success in their new undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Storey and two children of Ogden, Utah, have been vacationing at the home of Mrs. Storey's parents, the E. J. Tittensers.

On October 29, a gay Hallowe'en carnival was enjoyed by the Primary children and their parents. Features of the afternoon included colored cartoons, sale of handwork made by the children, food sale and serving of refreshments. Prizes were awarded for the most unusual Hallowe'en costume.

The M. I. A. is making extensive plans for their semi-final Harvest Ball scheduled for Friday, November 21.

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Committee

By TRACY Y. CANNON
Chairman

The general music committee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is composed of three members of the Council of Twelve Apostles as advisors, and representatives from the Presiding Bishop's office, Salt Lake Tabernacle staff of musicians, auxiliary associations, Church Board of Education, McCune School of Music and Art and the Brigham Young university.

The committee encourages music festivals in stakes and wards, the exchange of ward choirs and such other projects as will accomplish this objective.

The general music committee provides our choirs from time to tims lists of suitable anthems for choir use and also edits and publishes books of Church music. Deseret Anthems, Festival Anthems and Chapel anthems are samples of volumes the committee has published.

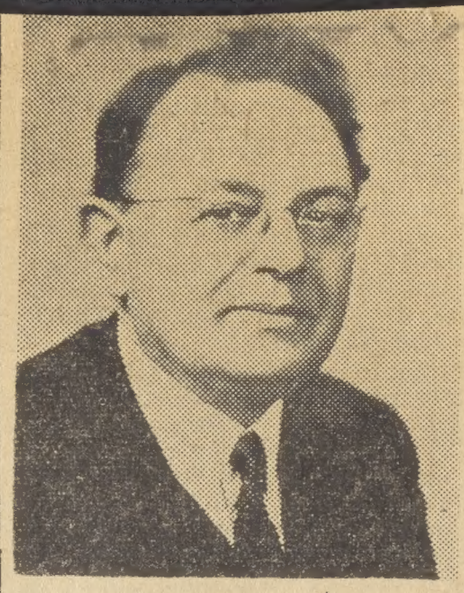
The committee is just now completing the work of preparing and revising three books for congregational use: 1, an adult hymal for use in all devotional adult gatherings of the Church; 2, a junior song book for use in the Primary associations and the Junior Sunday schools; 3, a recreational song book for use in all recreational gatherings. It is anticipated that these books will all be available within the next year.

One of the most far reaching projects the committee has undertaken is the Church wide training courses for music directors and organists. The interest and enthusiasm for them is exceedingly keen and the committee is only gradually meeting the requests to send instructors to the various stakes.

Briefly, the plan consists of 24 hours of instruction in conducting and 24 hours in organ playing, given in a series of twelve two-hour classes held once or twice a week. The cost to each student is $5.00 for each course. The financial deficiency resulting from this low tuition is met by the Church appropriation. Two full-time professional teachers are employed in the field and in the Salt Lake City area several other professional musicians are teaching on a part-time arrangement.

Oakland Stake Welfare Committee

From left to right, row 1: E. H. McBride, plant custodian; Hilda Perkins, stake R. S. president; Rufus O. Phelps, Asst. Chairman and Sec'ty. Row 2: Apostle Stephen L. Richads, visiting the stake conference, Delbert F. Wright, work director; Estrella McBride, store house work director; Laura F. Anderson, R. S. work director. Row 3: Eugene Hilton, chairman; Robert T. Paine, chairman Adult Aaronic priesthood members; Glenn C. Shaw, Ch. bishop's Executive Com. Row 4: J. Rulon Doxey, Aaronic priesthood representative; James Muir, Asst. work director; Augus Norbery, stake presidency.



Frank W. Asper

Frank W. Asper, one of the two Tabernacle organists, has always set a high standard of achievement in his work. No

HELP AVAILABLE FOR BISHOPS AND RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

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tion on local community resources for medical care, child care, adoptions and legal aid. She will clear cases with the local Social Service Exchange to determine if the problem is known to other agencies in the community. She will help bishops in planning in questionable cases of transient church members who have come to them requesting help.

Sister Wood also receives referrals from agencies and welfare departments who feel that LDS help is needed To illustrate—recently a Union welfare department called by telephone to see if Mormon help could be sent into a home to comfort and aid a young mother whose husband, an L. D. S. member, had been seriously stricken and was in the hospital. Assistance was provided; the young wife, not a member of the church, was very grateful for the help and comfort given her during a very sad experience.

Another bishop asked Sister Wood to determine what medical sources were available to give an afflicted child medical care. Medical care was arranged through a local clinic and the child is recovering.

In case of delinquency the juvenile court may be called in; conjoint planning with the church is helpful. Sister Wood acts as a liason person when bishops request her help. In any welfare situation she is pleased to have a bishop of either Stake call to "talk it over". Phone Thornwall 3-4472.

Note: It is pertinent to say that Lenore C. Wood besides having served for years most efficiently as a ward R. S. president, has taken training in Social Welfare at the University of California, and is a registered Social Worker in the State of California and a member of the American Association of Social Workers. Our local church Welfare Plan is indeed fortunate because of the professional qualifications and also the unselfish, tactful, and zealous spirit found in Sister Wood. She is a marvelous example of the spirit of progress. Besides mothering a family of five children, caring for a husband, Lenore is a registered student at the U. C., whence she will receive a masters degree in Social Science at the end of the present term.

San Leandro Ward

See you all at our Ward Banquet Nov. 14.

We invite you to visit our Ward Bazaar and enjoy comfortable shopping for your Christmas gifts, Nov. 21. You are assured of an evening of fine entertainment including a picture show, and goodies to eat. Bring the family.

November 16th is Ward Conference Sunday. The Bishopric would very greatly appreciate the attendance of all members of the ward, whether you have been in attendance recently or not. It is your ward, and we miss you when you are not with us.

Members are invited to our Special Interest Group, in M. I. A. We have enjoyed some very outstanding representations on the general theme, "Parent, Child, Community". The following authorities in their field have appeared before our group: Sister J. T. Carruth, civic leader; Heber J. Brown, attorney; Zelnora Evans, moral and social cultural specialist; Dr. Melvin G. Hart, M. D. Stake High Council; Bro. Rodney Pocock, musician and choir leader. Our concluding evening of this first series was held Wednesday, November 5 with a "Panel Round Table Discussion" conducted by the group co-ordinator, Catherine K. H. Marsh as a review with a social evening following. Class president is Bro. Edward G. Brown (attorney) and Sister Verna Condie, secretary.

The Elders and a few members of the Seventies quorum canned tomatoes recently from our Welfare lot, and enjoyed the association at the Welfare House.

Sacrament Meetings have enjoyed fine programs this past month. The M. I. A. presented a very excellent program the first Sunday of the month.

Oct. 19 Brother William Evans of the Stake High Council gave a very inspirational talk on the "Kirtland Temple", and Temple work.

Bro. A. J. Perkins of the Dimond Ward gave an impromptu travelogue on the Church Historic Monuments in New York State—also Independence, Missouri, on Sunday, October 12.

A report of conference in Salt Lake City was very splendidly given to us by Bishop A. Gifford Jackson and Laura Anderson of the Stake Relief Society. So complete was their report that those in attendance could almost feel that they had also enjoyed this inspirational event.

To be happy: Make someone else happy; To have: Give freely; To Gain Friendship: Be a friend. To acquire knowledge, success, or increased spirituality: Give abundantly. "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

Elmhurst Ward

Elmhurst is happy and appreciative of being chosen as the temporary home for the beautiful painting, "The Light of the World," presented by Brother Archie Inger, to be hung in the new Stake Tabernacle. A spiritual meeting and program was enjoyed by about 300 people on Sunday afternoon, October 13, when Brother Inger made the presentation to President Hilton, who accepted for the Oakland stake and Dr. Ranker for the Berkeley stake.

The Mutual officers are enthusiastic at the large attendance on Tuesday evenings. The special interest group is growing. A new class in leather work is being directed by Brother LaVon McBride. Also a singing group is being directed by Stella McBride and Rowena Besinger. Come and join us—there is something for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who so generously and willingly helped Elmhurst ward quickly reach its down payment quota for the purchase of the stake farm. Within three weeks from the time the bischop said "go", the fund was raised. About 70 officers and teachers of the ward responded with zeal and enthusiasm in contacting all members of the ward to accept their contributions and to invite them to a dinner. The splendid response of all members made it possible to reach the goal within such a short time. Yes, and the ward dramatic group did its part by presenting a clever and entertaining variety show on October 10. The drive ended on Friday, October 17, with a tasty spaghetti dinner attended by more than 250 persons. The combined efforts of many resulted in a successful campaign and two enjoyable evenings.

Sister Emma Leavitt passed away on October 20, after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held October 23. Our sympathy is extended to Brother Leavitt and his family.

CUMORAH--- WHERE?

Thomas S. Ferguson, well known local attorney and currently president of the Oakland Stake M.IA., is the author of an interesting book with the above intriguing title which will be off Zion's Printing Press by early in December.

Dr. John A. Widsoe, of the Council of the Twelve, has written an introduction to the column, outlining the contrasting points of view in regard to the location of Cumorah and other Book of Mormon geographical questions.

From a review of the proof sheets of the book, your reviewer can say that the array of evidence presented for the author's contention on Cumorah and on other commonly held but unverified opinions regarding Nephite geographical locations is most formidable as well as strongly confirmative of his position.

His patient and thorough analysis of the many passages serves at last to bring out a harmony not otherwise descernable which not only serves to confirm the author's contentions but to confirm the validity of the Book as an actual first-hand record with all the minor details here and there in the work, harmonizing one with the other.

This book at its low price will make it a desirable volume for answering many questions "what to give for Christmas." It will be obtainable at the book tables at the various wards in both stakes.

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STEPHEN RICHARDS

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prehend all the forces at work in the world. . . . The spirit of man is far more important in action than we realize. . . . Unity in spirit is necessary, for the work of the Lord cannot proceed in **dissention. . . . As** a man thinkest **in his heart so** is he. Our heaven is right here. Don't live in disappointment because you cannot have the finest. Stay out of debt. buy only the necessities. Be prepared. That is the key word in this uncertain age. Lay aside. Heed counsel."

Maxwell Pk. News

ATTENTION: Don't forget those delicious dinners served every first and third Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. These dinners are arranged by the various auxiliary organizations of the Maxwell Park Ward. The proceeds are to pay our assessment of the Stake Farm. So for an enjoyable meal with your friends come out and join us every time. Bring the family, and stay for Mutual. Adults $1.00 and children 50 cents.

Bishop Stewart reports he enjoyed a wonderful conference and a short visit at home in Gridley, California. We are looking forward to his report at Sacrament meeting in the near future.

A "blessed event" shower was held in honor of Barbara Adams, at the home of Sister Larsen recently. Also a "bon voyage" shower for Evelyn Jackson. She has not seen her family since she left there 25 years ago. We all wish her success and happy times on her long waited-for trip.

Virgil Weatherford, one of our service men members is in the Oak Knoll Hospital. He would appreciate seeing any of his friends, and we all wish a speedy recovery to Virgil, and hope to see him out soon.

Our Ward Conference was held on October 19, with Delbert Wright and Angus Norberg presiding, and Bishop William A. Stewart conducting. Representatives from the Stake High Council were: Rufus Phelps, Donald Bennion, Robert T. **Paine,** Charles I. Gustaveson, **Melvin G. Hart. It** is indeed a privilege to have **these brethern** speak to us.

On October 14 a lovely musical program was enjoyed by the M. Men and Gleaners during the Cultural Arts period at Mutual. Sister Kalakai and a group returning to Hawaii from Conference in Salt Lake told the story of Hawaiian music in song, dance and speech. The closing song was rendered by this fine group of L. D. S. members.

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